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Villa Novello

Genoa

4th May 1897.

Dear Mr. Reynolds Ball

Please accept my thanks for your kindness in sending me a copy of your interesting article on Shelley's Italian Villa, so charmingly written.

I cannot send this note of thanks to your private residence in England, as I am not sure that you live where you did when writing to me from Nice on paper that half effaced your English address; but as you thoughtfully sent enclosed in the packet that contained the magazine your Chancery lane Address, I place that one outside my present script.

Tusting that you and your dear Wife are quite well and enjoying the

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advent of Spring,

I am, with kind regards
and all our wishes to her and to you,

faithfully yours

Mary Cowden Clarke

P.S. My sister Sabilla joins me in
these salutations. She has been
suffering from a lengthened & severe
bronchial attack; but is now, thank
God, better and able to leave her
own room, in which she was so
long held prisoner.

tell Bishop Blomfield that if,
fifty years hence, there be a
Bishop and a Church in England,
it will be mainly through that deep
spiritual life which the German
philosophers, he so vaguely yet
by wholesale condemn, have
awakened in the European mind.

But those "vague and
vehement shadow montades"
which religion people indulge
in against men - of whose very
language they are ignorant,
are among the basenesses of
these times.